

Remarks/Arguments

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1,3,4,9,11,12,17,19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamura (U.S. Patent No. 5,483,685) in view of Schein (U.S. Patent No. 6,002,394)

Claims 2, 10, and 18 have been deemed allowable if not dependent on a rejected base claim. The subject matter of claims 2, 10, and 18 have been included in independent claims 1, 9, and 17. It is submitted that the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is rendered moot and the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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